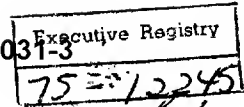


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Honorable John Sparkman, Chairman  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

STATINTL I cannot fail to note my serious concern over the disclosure in STATINTL  
a New York Times article, datelined [REDACTED]  
among other things reported that, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
has been further elaboration and discussion of this subject in other press articles. I obviously do not know the source from which this information was obtained, but publicity of this sort obviously casts doubt on my ability to provide sensitive information to the full Committee in the future.

I was very gratified by your very kind personal remarks concerning my relationship with you and the Committee in the past and by similar remarks from other members of the Committee present. I also appreciated and concurred in your remarks concerning the effectiveness of the briefings which I have previously given regarding activities authorized and reported under the provisions of Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. From my point of view, that arrangement has worked extremely well and I am not aware of any leaks as a result of those sessions. I must state again, however, my serious doubt about providing such information in a full Committee forum in the future.

Sincerely,

/s/  
W. E. Colby  
Director

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